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Linda Olson Program at Cross Ranch State Park

Minot State University Professor, Linda Olson, will be a guest presenter at Cross Ranch State Park on Saturday, July 2, 2005, at 8:30 p.m. Olson's program, "Prairie Wildflowers," will discuss the ecology surrounding a native prairie. The program will start with a wildflower walk at 8:30 p.m., beginning at the River Peoples Visitor Center, with a short amphitheater presentation to follow.

Linda Olson graduated from Minot State University majoring in art, English and psychology. She went on to obtain her Master of Arts from the University of Montana and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of North Dakota. Olson returned to Minot State University where she has been teaching courses in ceramics, crafts, sculpture and photography since 1990. She serves on the board of Museums in North Dakota (MIND). She also serves as the director of the North Dakota Art Gallery Association.

Galleries have exhibited her artwork throughout the Midwest, such exhibits recently toured several galleries in North Dakota. Olson is a very active exhibitor, and her art is represented in public and private collections including University of North Dakota, Minot State University and the Skien, Norway, Art Center. Everyone is welcome to join Linda Olson at Cross Ranch on July 2 at 8:30 p.m.

Check our website for general information and a complete schedule for weekly interpretive activities for Cross Ranch State Park and other North Dakota state parks at www.ndparks.com.

For more information, call 701-794-3731. Cross Ranch State Park is located 35 miles north of Bismarck, near Washburn along the Missouri River.